



State of California
The Resources Agency
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Soquel Demonstration State Forest Road & Trail Maintenance		
PROJECT LOCATION	Soquel Demonstration State Forest - Forest-wide	COUNTY	Santa Cruz
LEAD AGENCY	Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project will include annual routine maintenance of all permanent and seasonal roads and trails within Soquel Demonstration State Forest. Annual routine road and trail maintenance activities include roadside vegetative management (including invasive species removal and brushing); limited tree felling for slope stabilization and recreational features; cleaning and repairing minor drainage facilities and structures not subject to Department of Fish & Game Streambed Alteration Agreement; road and trail surfacing; road surface drainage improvement; hazardous tree removal; removing soil, rock and woody debris obstructions; and maintenance and installation of technical trail features and signs. Project may also include minor trail realignment in efforts to minimize or prevent soil erosion or instability. Maintenance activities will be conducted so as to avoid significant adverse impacts to cultural, biological, recreational and aquatic resources.

EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1, § Existing Facilities, Replacement or Reconstruction, New Class 2, Class 3, Class Construction of Small Structures, Minor Alterations of Land, 4, Class 11 Accessory Structures
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

Project involves negligible or no expansion on current use of existing road and trail structures and facilities. Project includes a limited number of new, small facilities or structures that are accessory to existing road and trail use. Project involves only minor alterations to land, water and/or vegetative resources within the Forest. Project will be conducted so as to avoid significant adverse impacts to cultural, biological, recreational and aquatic resources.

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